

# Understanding Dog Body Language

**Our dogs talk to us all day long through their body language. Understanding what they are saying is very important in our ongoing relationship and safety.**



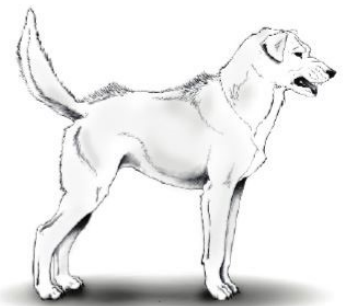
**DIRECT ATTENTION SEEKING**

*Actively wants your attention and uses jumping, barking & nipping to get it.*



**PASSIVE ATTENTION SEEKING**

*Wants your attention but uses a quieter way. Stares for a pet, nudges your hand, licks you or drops something so you will pick it up.*



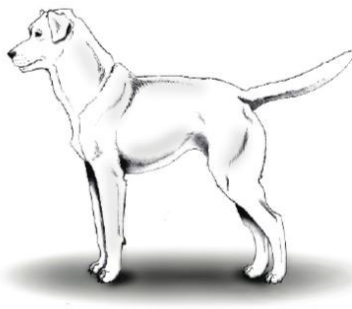
**ASSERTIVE**

*Stays still, stares, raises hair on top of back. Can become agitated or physical if approached or you move too quickly.*



**CONFIDENT**

*Tail will stick straight up. Will jump, bark, nudge, or any means possible to get your attention.*



**HEADSTRONG**

*Does not pay much attention to you. Looks at everything else. Hard to get him to listen.*



**RELAXED**

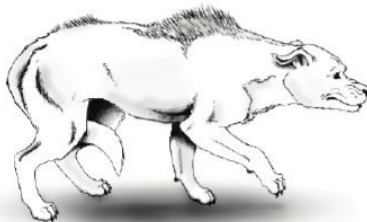
*Just wants to please. Very easy going and always gives you focus. Body appears "relaxed".*

**Be very careful with the dogs below! They could easily bite. Do not approach.**



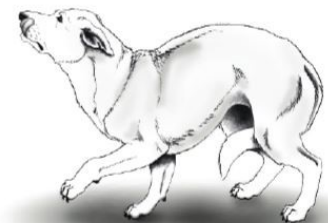
**FEARFUL/REACTIVE**

*Will bark and jump at slightest movement. Down low and on edge. Prone to attack if approached. Tail between legs.*



**NERVOUS**

*Appears anxious and worried. Light sleeper. Sudden noises make him bark and retreat to a corner or under a table. Tail between legs.*



**TIMID**

*Frightened of the people, dogs, or surroundings. Doesn't want to be petted or approached. Stays low. Tail between legs.*